[श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह]

कहां ले जा रहे हैं, बालानन्दन जी ने ठीक कहा कि आप रिवर्स कर रहे है लेकिन दुनियां की गति है उसमें आप क्या करेंगे। (व्यवधान) लेकिन आपसे मैं इतना अनुरोध जरुर करना चाहूंगा कि निश्चित रुप से बिहार और उत्तर प्रदेश की समस्याओं को आप प्राथमिकता दें क्योंकि सबसे ज्यादा जरुरत वहां है ।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): The question is:

"That the Bill further to amend the Indian Electricity Act, 1910 and the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 to 14 were added to the Bill

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula, and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill be passed."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): There is one statement by the Home Minister.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Abduction of five Diamond Merchants on the 15th September 1991.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I wish to apprise the Hon'ble Members of this august House about the abduction of five diamond merchants, namely, S/Shri Milan Parikh, Saunak Parikh, Rajesh Mehta, Anup Kulkarni and Gautam Mehta on 15-9-1991. The Delhi Police have registered a case under section 365 IPC PS Tughlak Road on 16-9-1991 about this incident.

The Delhi Police have reported that during investigation of the case it has come to light that one person calling himself R. Chaudhary had taken residence in Oberoi Hotel, New Delhi on the 17th of August, 1991. He paid Rs. 50,000 as cash and registered himself as a representative of Ferruzzi Finanziaria. The residential address given was Jolly Maker Chamber, Nariman Point, Bombay. Chaudhary began corresponding with a number of firms of Madras, Calcutta and Bombay which deal in diamonds, leather and leather garments. Representatives and partners of these firms came to Delhi on the request of Chaudhary to meet the Italian President of the company which Chaudhary was supposed to represent. Since their meeting with Chaudhary on the 15th September, 1991, S/Shri Milan Parikh, Saunak Parikh, Rajesh Mehta, Anup Kulkarni and Gautam Mehta are missing. Chaudhary himself was last seen in Oberoi Hotel at about 7.00 P.M. on the 15th of September, 1991. Search of his room and his locker has ben carried out but no further details of his identity are forthcoming. He has left behind some clothes and toiletry articles and some papers.

Investigation also shows that during the period Chaudhary stayed in the Oberoi, he made a number of telephone calls to Calcutta, Bombay Lucknow, Kanpur, Madras and Karachi. Some local calls were also made by him. The names and the addresses of the subscribers are being traced. Enquiries and investigation have also revealed that he was using hired self-driven vehicles by

making cash payments. Among the vehicles hired by him are a Mercedes, Contessa, NE-114.

The Delhi Police have reported that from the investigation it appears that Chaudhary who was posing as a representative of an Italian firm dealing in diamonds and leather garments beguiled the 5 missing persons to accompany him to an unknown destination where they are probably being kept under duress. Local searches in guest houses as well as in the newly hired houses within Delhi as well as in NOIDA and Ghaziabad are being undertaken.

The case appears to have inter-State ramifications and possibly connections with persons living abroad. As investigations will have to be undertaken at a number of places particularly Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Lucknow and assistance of the Interpol may also have to be sought, the CBI is being asked to take over the investigation of the case.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): I do not think there is any need for clarifications. (*Interruptions*) Is there?

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): I think the statement itself is quite clear, and I will request hon. Members not to take more time of the House by asking clarifications. (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): I think this statement is self-explanatory. (*Interruptions*)

श्री शकर दयाल सिंह (बिहार) : मंत्री जी खडे हो गये हैं और अगर सब राजी हैं तो हम भी कोआपरेट करते हैं। हम भी नहीं चाहते हैं कि आखिरी समय में इस तरह से कुछ हो।

THANKS GIVING BY THE CHAIR.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Let me do some pleasant duty. Hon. Members, this had been an extraordinary Session loaded with heavy agenda and profoundly disturbing events on the national and international stage which occupied the minds of hon. Members. To complete the agenda we sat for nearly 123 hours and even on a Saturday. Members were very alert and articulate in raising matters of public and national importance. Special Mentions crossed the figure of over 200 which alone indicates the concern of the Members towards important issues. The Leader of the House as also our Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs have also been very responsive which indeed helped smoothen the work of the House and of course cooled frayed tempers in the House. I record my sense of deep appreciation for the cooperation extended by hon. Members to the peaceful and orderly transaction of business, notwithstanding differences of policies or principles or perceptions on situations.

Politics is a saga of possibles. Let us hope solutions to many vexed problems are in the realm of the possible.

While recording my sincere thanks to all Members as well as the Secretariat staff of this House, I wish you all a happy intersession time! By the time we meet next, we would have observed two important festivals: *Dussehra* and *Diwali*. I take this opportunity of wishing all Members and Staff and their families 'Happy *Dussehra* and *Diwali*!'

Thank you all.

The House is adjourned *sine die*.

The House then adjourned *sine die* at forty-four minutes past ten of the clock.